

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 8, 1999

VIA FACSIMILE and FIRST CLASS MAIL

G. Anthony Gelderman, Esquire Tarcza & Gelderman, L.L.C. 1310 Whitney Building 228 St. Charles Avenue New Orleans, LA 70130

RE: MUR 4898

Mary Landrieu for Senate Committee, Inc., and Thomas C.

Delahaye, as Treasurer

Dear Mr. Gelderman:

On October 7, 1999 the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement submitted on your client's behalf in settlement of violations of 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 434(a)(6)(A) and 11 C.F.R. 104.5, provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Accordingly, the file has been closed in this matter.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

Information derived in connection with any conciliation attempt will not become public without the written consent of the respondent and the Commission. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B). The enclosed conciliation agreement, however, will become a part of the public record.

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Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files. Please note that the civil penalty is due within 30 days of the conciliation agreement's effective date. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Joel J. Roessner

Attorney

Enclosure as stated

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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| Senate Committee, Inc., |) | MUR | 4898 |
| and Thomas C. Delahave as Treasurer |) | | |

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities.

The Commission found reason to believe that the Mary Landrieu for Senate Committee, Inc., and Thomas C. Delahaye as treasurer ("Respondents") violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) and 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and the Respondents, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

- I. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Respondents and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(A)(i).
- II. Respondents have had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.
 - III. Respondents enter voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.
 - IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:
- 1. The Mary Landrieu for Senate Committee, Inc., is a political committee within the meaning of 2 U.S.C. § 431(4).
 - 2. Thomas C. Delahaye is the treasurer of the Mary Landrieu for Senate Committee, Inc.

- 3. Respondents accepted contributions from thirty-six (36) persons other than multicandidate political committees for the 1996 primary campaign which exceeded the \$1,000 limit set forth at 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A) by a total amount of \$26,125.
- 4. Respondents accepted contributions from twenty-seven (27) persons other than multicandidate political committees for the 1996 general election campaign which exceeded the \$1,000 limit set forth at 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A) by a total amount of \$17,140.
- 5. Respondents accepted contributions from one (1) multicandidate political committee for the 1996 primary campaign which in the aggregate exceeded the \$5,000 limit set forth at 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(2)(A) by a total amount of \$500.
- 6. Respondents accepted contributions from one (1) multicandidate political committee for the 1996 general election campaign which in the aggregate exceeded the \$5,000 limit set forth at 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(2)(A) by a total amount of \$4,000.
- 7. During the 1996 election cycle, the Mary Landrieu for Senate Committee, Inc., received thirty-four (34) contributions with respect to which the Respondents were required to provide notice within forty-eight (48) hours after the receipt of the contribution, as required by 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.5 ("48-hour notice"). Respondents failed to provide such 48-hour notice with respect to these thirty-four (34) contributions.
- 8. During the 1996 election cycle, the Mary Landrieu for Senate Committee, Inc., received ten (10) contributions with respect to which the Respondents were required to provide 48-hour notices containing the name of the candidate and the office sought by the candidate, the identification of the contributor, and the date of receipt and amount of the contribution, as required by 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.5. The 48-hour notices provided by the Respondents for these ten (10) contributions incorrectly reported this information.

V. By accepting contributions in excess of the limits set forth at 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A) and 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(2)(A), Respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f). By failing to provide required 48-hour notices, and by providing incorrect 48-hour notices, Respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.5.

VI. Respondents will pay a civil penalty to the Federal Election Commission in the amount of twenty-three thousand dollars and no cents (\$23,000.00), pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(5)(A).

VII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

VIII. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.

IX. Respondents shall have no more than 30 days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

X. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained in this written agreement shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Lawrence M. Noble General Counsel

BY:

Kim Bright-Ooleman

Associate General Counsel

- October 8, 1999

FOR THE RESPONDENT:

G. Anthony Gelderman, Esquire

Tareza & Gelderman, L.L.C.

August J,

Date